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## Governor announces that USDOL has approved request to use leftover NEG money for local job training

The US Department of Labor has approved American Samoa's request to use the remaining \$13 million in funds from the National Emergency Grant (NEG) fund to train local residents for new jobs for the much anticipated call center, and the hospitality and shipyard industries.

Governor Togiola Tulafono revealed the good news on his weekend radio program in which he explained that only \$11 million of the \$24 million the territory received following the 2009 tsunami/earthquake was used

at the end of FY 2010. (The \$11million was used to provide temporary employment for some 2,200 local residents following the '09 tsunami).

The Governor said his authorized representative, Evelyn Vaitautolu Langford (who is also the director of the Dept. of Human Resources) sought ways to expend the remainder of the money and about two weeks ago, the USDOL approved the territory's request to use the money to provide training opportunities in industries like hospitality, call center, and

ship repair.

Togiola said one of their goals is to provide training for those who lost their jobs following the tsunami, even those who have been laid off from work at the canneries.

According to the Governor, foreigners are being hired to fill jobs in local hotels and restaurants, making it clear that there is a need to train local people for jobs in these areas. He added that training is free, and people only need to make themselves available to be trained.

## Tax Office still disbursing refund checks

Disbursement of tax refund checks continue, with the most recent ones being handed out last week to those who filed their taxes on or before March 22.

An estimated 1,000 checks were released last week, totaling \$959,473 - of that amount, \$446,833 was for the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC); \$324,760 for local taxes; and \$187,880 for the Making Work Pay Credit (MWPC).

To date, the local Tax Office has processed some 9,000 tax returns, with a total value of \$12.9 million (\$6,955,012 for the ACTC, \$4,145,397 for local, and \$1,814,837 for the MWPC).

# Governor hopeful to break ground for cold storage facility later this year

Governor Togiola Tulafono hopes that by the end of December, there will be a groundbreaking for the construction of a multi-million-dollar project - a cold storage facility that will serve the needs of Star Samoa and Tri-Marine.

The project is estimated to cost \$10 million and funding sources, both federal and private, are being sought out for assistance.

Togiola said that the plans that were submitted to him by

officials of Tri-Marine International (the company currently leasing the old Samoa Packing plant) during a meeting earlier this month, have given him a boost of confidence about the new development. Togiola said an agreement has been reached, that the construction of a new cold storage facility will be a collaboration between Star Kist, Tri-Marine, and the American Samoa Government.

The cold storage plant will be located between Tri-Marine and Star

Kist in Atu'u.

"Both canneries are enthusiastic about this, and I am very grateful to them for their cooperation in allowing us to work together," Togiola said "We've been working on this for several months, and it hasn't been easy. But these are difficult issues, and these are difficult projects, and I am glad to announce that we've come to pretty much an agreement that we will all work together on this project."

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **To all alcoholic beverage licensees**

Be advised that the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Ta'ita'itama Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

***will be conducting compliance check activities in your area beginning December 2010 and continuing through December 2011.***

Please remember that selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years old is illegal per American Samoa Code, Title 27, Chapter 05; Section 27.0531:

***"No licensee may sell any alcoholic beverage to any person under 21."***

American Samoa is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its people. Our priority issue is to combat and prevent underage drinking and the problems that arise from this illegal activity.

For additional information, feel free to contact the  
Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws - EUDL Program at 633-1582.

### **ASG RADIO PROGRAM**

***With: Gov. Togiola Tulafono***

**On: KSBS FM 92.1 Saturdays @ 7:30 a.m.**

# 2011 Summer Academy for Boys and Girls Club and Gear Up is underway

Governor Togiola Tulafono urged youngsters to have fun and never stop learning, when he offered special remarks during the ceremony to officially kick start the 2011 Summer Academy for the Boys and Girls Club of American Samoa and the Gear Up Program.

The Summer Academy will run from June 13 through July 1 at the ASCC campus. A total of 400 youngsters are involved, with 200 high school students in the GUAS program, and another 200 ages 10-14 in the BGCAS.

Participants will be busy learning new things in the areas of math,

graphic arts, reading and writing, marine and agricultural science, pre-SAT, and music. Sports like basketball, volleyball, softball, and soccer will also play a part in the program.

In his remarks, the Governor told the youngsters that it is a rare opportunity to be selected to participate in a program like this, where they can learn and have fun at the same time. He told the participants that they are very lucky to have been chosen, as there are thousands of others who were not selected.

His message was simple: "Have fun

and never stop learning."

First Lady MaryAnn Tulafono got her message across as well: "The community needs to help in preventing underage drinking." According to the First Lady, who is a key figure in the Boys and Girls Club of American Samoa and spearheads the Ta'ita'itama Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative, too many kids are giving up on themselves and dropping out of school. She expressed their concern and said the majority of these growing problems are connected to underage drinking. She advised all the participants of the summer academy not to go down the same road.

## ASCACH presents

### The Children's Culture Maintenance Summer Program 2011

The American Samoa Council on Arts, Culture, and Humanities will be sponsoring its **Children's Culture Maintenance Summer Program 2011** at the Museum compound in Fagatogo from **June 27 - July 22, 2011**.

Children will learn: *weaving, carving, Samoan legends, siapo-making, Samoan dance and music.*

Registration will be open: **June 6 - 17**. Please visit our office to register your child (\$5 per child: registration fee). For more information, call our office at 633-4347/4490/5613.

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Faamolemole faafesoota'i mai le matou ofisa  
i le telefoni 633-4347

We need weaving instructors  
Please contact our office  
@ 633-4347

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"TAPUITEA"**

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**Chanel Barber** ([chanel.barber@doit.as](mailto:chanel.barber@doit.as))

## HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

**On June 15, 1791**, Captain Edward Edwards of HMS *Pandora*, searching for the mutineers from HMS *Bounty*, landed on Tutuila and found buttons and clothing from the boat of Jean-François de La Pérouse's First Officer, Paul-Antoine Fleuriot de Langle, who was killed at "Massacre Bay," A'asu, Tutuila, with 11 of his crew, on December 11, 1787.

**On June 15, 1887**, Hawaiian King Kalakaua's ship *Kaimiloa* ("Explorer") arrived in Apia Harbor under the command of George Edward Gresley Jackson (late of Her Majesty's Royal Navy).

**On June 15, 1917**, the 350-ton German steamer SS *Staatssekretär Solf*, which had sought refuge in Pago Pago Harbor just after the beginning of World War I on August 6, 1914, and had been captured by the U.S. Navy on April 7, 1917 when the United States entered the war, was cleaned and refitted in Pago Pago and was placed on the Navy's register as USS *Samoa*, thus becoming the first U.S. Naval vessel to bear that name. She was armed with four 3-pounder semiautomatic guns and was used to repatriate 250 Solomon Islanders, who had been brought to the former German Samoa as indentured laborers, and whose contracts had expired.

**On June 15, 1927**, Western Samoa's Administrator, Sir George Richardson, issued a proclamation ordering the *Mau* to disband, and threatening to punish anyone for "advising or suggesting any disobedience to the Government or Faipules," and promising to deport "all non-Samoan persons who try to continue the *Mau* or interfere in native affairs."

**On June 16, 1899**, "The high commissioners of the three powers, Bartlett Tripp (American), C.N.E. Eliot (British), and H. Sternberg (German)...made it 'unlawful for any person to sell, give, or otherwise dispose of, to any other person or persons, any spirituous, vinous, or intoxicating liquor of any kind, in the islands of Samoa outside the municipal district of Apia.' All offenders were to be sent, with witnesses, to Apia for trial by the chief justice."

**On June 17, 1927**, an article in the *Samoa Times* reported that New Zealand's Minister of External Affairs, William Nosworthy, had recommended that the Samoa Act of 1920 be amended to deport disaffected Europeans and *afakasi* (a threat clearly aimed at *Mau* members O.F. Nelson, Edwin Gurr and Alfred Smythe).

**On June 17, 1929**, Western Samoa's Chief of Police, Arthur Braisby, issued an instruction which said that "all European police on duty will carry loaded revolvers and ten spare rounds of ball cartridges in addition to baton and handcuffs. All men off duty will at all times carry batons, out of sight, and have their revolvers where they can be quickly and readily got at."

**On June 18, 1888**, Elder Joseph Henry Dean established the first branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints ("Mormon" church) at Leone, Tutuila.

**On June 18, 1947**, the U.S. Secretaries of State (George C. Marshall), War (Kenneth C. Royall), Navy (James Forrestal) and Interior (Julius C. Krug) recommended to President Harry S. Truman that responsibility for American Samoa, Guam and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands be transferred from the Navy Department to the Department of the Interior at the earliest possible date.

**On June 18, 2007**, Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese Taisi Tupuola Tufuga Efi was elected as Head of State by Samoa's Parliament. The 49 member Samoa Parliament made the unanimous decision Friday after the ruling Human Rights Protection Party (HRPP), led by Prime Minister Tuila'epa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi, submitted Tuiatua for consideration as a candidate. HRPP met on June 15 to consider a candidate for the post to replace the late Head of State, Malietoa Tanumafili II, who passed away on May 11. Reports from Apia stated that only one candidate was offered for the post and it was Tuiatua. Following Friday's Parliamentary session, Legislative Assembly clerk, Mase Toia Alama issued a brief news release saying that "I hereby declare Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese Tupuola Efi, being the sole candidate, to be duly elected to the Office of Head of State." At the time of his selection, Tuiatua was one of the two members of the Council of Deputies. The other was Tuimalealiifano Va'aletoa. Both acted as Heads of State, in the absence of the Head of State.

**On June 19, 1936**, the Catholic church at Falefa, 'Upolu, Western Samoa, which had been in use for eleven years, was officially dedicated. The delay was "due to the 'great depression,' which frustrated financial life in Samoa during this period."

**On June 20, 1927**, in Apia, a policeman overheard *Mau* member Tamaseu Taifau telling a friend that the *Mau* would not obey the Government's orders, would not search for rhinoceros beetles, would not pay taxes, and would not attend district meetings. He was arrested, convicted of breaking the Maintenance of Authority Ordinance, and sent to jail for a year.

**On June 20, 1952**, Phelps Phelps completed his term as American Samoa's first appointed civil governor (since February 23, 1951).

**On June 21, 1900**, the American flag was raised at Leone, Tutuila, and Naval Station Commandant Benjamin F. Tilley wrote that "the natives of Leone have been very anxious to have a flag and show great interest in the new government."

**On June 21, 1919**, when a New Zealand Royal Commission arrived in Apia to investigate the influenza pandemic, an article in the *Samoa Times* reported that "the official death count was set at 7,542 out of a population of 30,636," or 24.62 per cent of the population.

**On June 22, 1914**, at the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, "a communication dated May 26, 1914, allotting \$2100.00 was received. From June 23, 1914 to June 30, 1914, 74 signals were erected. The quantity of work accomplished between these dates was enormous, and was done under most trying conditions of weather and topography, as will be shown in the monthly report of progress made by the officer in charge, Lieutenant Beall, U.S. Navy."



# Governor appoints Dr. Jacinta Galea'i as new Director of Education

The Governor's Director of Communications, Dr. Jacinta Galea'i, has been appointed as the new Director for the Department of Education. The announcement was made during a press conference at the Governor's Office on Tuesday.

Togiola said Dr. Galea'i will serve as DOE director for the remainder of his administration.

The Governor said Dr. Galea'i worked closely with Lt. Governor Faoa Sunia when Faoa served as acting DOE director. Her name will be submitted to the Fono for confirmation when the Legislature reconvenes for its regular session.

"These are not easy times for transitioning this large department of our government, but I have the trust and the faith in the capability and education of Dr. Galea'i to assume this position, and carry on the work of the Department of Education through the rest of my

administration," Togiola said. "I have worked with Dr. Galea'i over several years as the director of communications in my administration, and I am thoroughly satisfied that she has the education and the capability to assume this post, and to see this department through what is remaining of my term and my administration."

Dr. Galea'i said it is an honor for her to accept the nomination from the Governor and Lt. Governor. "Our children is our most precious investment and in order for them to achieve their dreams and for us to reap the benefits of those dreams, we must make sure that the foundation of the department that delivers that service is in order," she said.

"The people of American Samoa, our leaders, religious leaders, our educators: I greet you this afternoon. I come before you as an educator, having been in the tren-

ches in the classroom. But I also come before you as a citizen of this territory who drives in the morning to work and passes a student and asks, 'Did that student have breakfast this morning? Did they get enough sleep last night? Did they get the support to do the homework that they needed to do at home? Are they going to walk into a classroom with a teacher that is ready to teach? Is the classroom fit for them to learn? Are they going to have dreams? Are they going to fulfill those dreams?' That is what I believe we should all keep in mind because at the end of the day, it is about our kids and their education, their future, and the future of American Samoa."

Dr. Galea'i is a 1985 graduate of Samoana High School. She holds a PhD in English from the University of Hawaii, where she also got her Masters degree in English. Her BA in English is from the University of Washington.

## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### WIC PROGRAM

PH: 633-2610

FAX 633-2618

June is celebrated across the United States as the National Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Month and the American Samoa WIC Program would like to remind all families in American Samoa that there is no better time than now to start enjoying fruits and vegetables.

To promote eating fruits and vegetables, the American Samoa WIC Program gives WIC moms monthly vouchers to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at all authorized WIC grocery stores.

Fruits and vegetables come in terrific colors and flavors, but their real beauty lies in what's inside. Fruits and vegetables are great sources of many vitamins, minerals and other natural substances that may help protect you from chronic diseases.

To get a healthy variety, think color. Eating fruits and vegetables of different colors gives your body a wide range of valuable nutrients like fiber, folate, potassium, and vitamins A and C.

To find out if you or members of your family qualify for the American Samoa WIC Program, please contact us at 633-2610.

## **IMMUNIZE ADOLESCENTS**

*Come join the adolescent (11-14yrs) outreach!*

### **HPV (Human Papillomavirus)**

*Info about the disease*

- HPV causes cervical cancer

*For full protection:*

- HPV1 - today
- HPV2 - in 1 month
- HPV3 - in 4 months

### **MCV4 (Meningococcal Disease)**

*Info about the disease*

- Meningococcal is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis
- Can also cause blood infections
- MCV4 is required by some colleges

*For protection:*

- MCV4 - today

### **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis)**

- Tetanus causes painful muscle spasms
- Diphtheria causes breathing problems, paralysis, and heart failure
- Pertussis causes severe coughing spells, vomiting

*For protection:*

- Tdap - today

Get your shots today and receive one of the following: neon arm band, dog tag, and lanyard.

**1st outreach: June 18, Utulei Beach**

**2<sup>nd</sup> outreach: July 23, Utulei Beach**

**3<sup>rd</sup> outreach: October 29, Utulei Beach**

*Call us for more information at 699-8464 or 699-8465  
Remember to bring your parents to sign your consent form!*

## **Department of Parks & Recreation**

*in collaboration with*

## **The American Samoa Aquatic Agency**

*Announces*

# **Open Water Swimming and Water Safety Program 2011 for children ages 8 – 17**

Sign ups are now being conducted at Utulei Beach and at the Department of Parks & Recreation office. Space is very limited so availability is on a first come, first served basis.

Sign up schedule:

- Utulei Beach – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Parks & Rec. office – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

**Program Schedule:** Lessons will be given every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m. beginning June 14<sup>th</sup> thru August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**TA'ITA'ITAMA &  
THE AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*PROUDLY HOSTS THE*

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICAN SAMOA &  
GEAR UP AMERICAN SAMOA**

**2011 SUMMER ACADEMY**

**WHERE: ASCC Campus**

**WHEN: June 13 through July 1, 2011**

**Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**HOW TO APPLY:**

**Limited slots available; First Come, First Served Basis. Priority Preference for Military Dependents**

*Applications can be picked up and returned to the following locations:*

- **ASCC GEAR UP Office (Mapusaga)**
- **Dept. of Parks and Recreation (Tafuna Industrial Park)**
- **DHR WIA One Stop Resource Center (EOB Utulei)**
- **DHSS WIC Office (Pago Pago)**
- **DOH Community Health Centers (Tafuna, Leone, Amouli)**
- **Office of Veterans Affairs (Utulei)**
- **Or via email. Send request to [taitaitama@gmail.com](mailto:taitaitama@gmail.com)**

**Completed applications must be returned with:**

- **Copy of child's birth certificate**
- **Signed parent consent form**
- **Copy of parent's military ID, if applicable**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**All youth must have transportation to and from the ASCC Campus and they must have sport shoes to participate. For security purposes, all BGCAS participants must depart the ASCC campus by 11:00 a.m. everyday during the academy.**

**For more info: Call 633-1582 or email [taitaitama@gmail.com](mailto:taitaitama@gmail.com)**

**SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

***For BGCAS Youth (Ages 10-14)***

**8:30 to 9:30 a.m.**

**Math Trek  
Graphic Arts  
Robotics  
Reading and Writing  
Emergency First Aid  
Music  
Read Aloud**

**9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Basketball  
Volleyball  
Softball  
Soccer  
Music**

***For GUAS Cohort (Juniors)***

**9:30 to 12:00p.m.**

**Auto Desk  
Math Trek  
Pre-SAT  
Reading and Writing  
Marine Science  
Agricultural Science  
Robotics**

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